Special automobiles for physically challenged people

633. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any policy for manufacture of the specially designed vehicles to be driven by the physically challenged people; and

(b) if so, the details of two/three/four wheelers automobile companies in the country manufacturing automobile as per Government's policy to meet the needs of the physically challenged people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government extends Central Excise Duty concession on purchase of vehicles manufactured for use by the physically challenged people.

(b) Auto manufacturers are free to produce vehicles for use by the physically challenged people as per specific demand. As per information available in the Ministry, M/s. Maruti Udyog Ltd. and M/s. Hyundai Motors India Ltd. have been manufacturing such vehicles.

Extension Campus of HIT, Allahabad at Amethi

634. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to open at Amethi in U.P. an extension campus of Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad;

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken in the matter and how much funds would be required for the purpose; and

(c) by when the extension campus would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) The Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad has submitted a proposal for setting up an extension campus at Amethi in U.P. The proposal is under consideration of the Government.